Side effects of pesticides

2283. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government maintains data relating to farmers and agricultural workers whose health has been affected on account of use of pesticides due to inhaling/exposure and poisoning, etc.;

(b) if so, the number of persons affected by pesticides during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether any deaths have been reported due to inhalation/over exposure to pesticides;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any compensation is being paid to the affected victims; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) A statement showing the number of pesticides poisoning cases State-wise (suicidal/homicidal/accidental/occupational) including farmers and agricultural workers during the last three years is enclosed as Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) and (d) A statement showing the number of details in various States (suicidal/homicidal/accidental/occupational) due to pesticides poisoning including inhalation/over exposure is enclosed as Statement-II (*See* below).

(e) and (f) No separate date relating to compensation being paid to the affected victims are maintained.

Statement-I

Statement showing the number of pesticides poisoning cases *
(State-wise during last three years)

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Nil	NR	NR
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Nil	Nil	219
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	NR	NR	NR
4.	Assam	Nil	NR	NR
5.	Bihar	Nil	Nil	Nil
6.	Chandigarh	NR	NR	NR
7.	Chhattisgarh	02	02	Nil

1	2	3	4	5
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	NR	NR	Nil
9.	Daman and Diu	NR	NR	NR
10.	Delhi	Nil	Nil	NR
11.	Goa	Nil	Nil	Nil
12.	Gujarat	Nil	03	02
13.	Haryana	439	373	280
14.	Himachal Pradesh	11	11	13
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	Nil	Nil	35
16.	Jharkhand	333	399	96
17.	Karnataka	Nil	Nil	Nil
18.	Kerala	1181	504	943
19.	Lakshadweep	NR	NR	NR
20.	Madhya Pradesh	Nil	Nil	Nil
21.	Maharashtra	7893	6604	2210
22.	Manipur	NR	NR	NR
23.	Meghalaya	NR	NR	NR
24.	Mizoram	NR	NR	NR
25.	Nagaland	NR	NR	NR
26.	Orissa	28	Nil	Nil
27.	Puducherry	1341	1232	1373
28.	Punjab	284	262	320
29.	Rajasthan	333	317	235
30.	Sikkim	NR	NR	NR
31.	Tamil Nadu	Nil	Nil	Nil
32.	Tripura	Nil	NR	NR
33.	Uttarakhand	13	346	71
34.	Uttar Pradesh	1259	1414	108
35.	West Bengal	20	39	57
	TOTAL	13137	11506	5962

*The poisoning may be suicidal/homicidal/accidental/occupational.

NR – Not Reported.

Statement-II

*Statement showing the number of deaths * due to pesticides poisoning cases*
(State-wise during last three years)

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Nil	NR	NR
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Nil	Nil	25
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	NR	NR	NR
4.	Assam	Nil	NR	NR
5.	Bihar	Nil	Nil	Nil
6.	Chandigarh	NR	NR	NR
7.	Chhattisgarh	Nil	Nil	Nil
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	NR	NR	NR
9.	Daman and Diu	NR	NR	NR
10.	Delhi	NR	Nil	NR
11.	Goa	NR	Nil	Nil
12.	Gujarat	Nil	03	02
13.	Haryana	67	48	40
14.	Himachal Pradesh	05	03	2
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	Nil	Nil	35
16.	Jharkhand	66	46	34
17.	Karnataka	Nil	Nil	Nil
18.	Kerala	310	96	203
19.	Lakshadweep	NR	NR	NR
20.	Madhya Pradesh	Nil	Nil	Nil
21.	Maharashtra	1236	1413	174
22.	Manipur	NR	NR	NR
23.	Meghalaya	NR	NR	NR
24.	Mizoram	NR	NR	NR
25.	Nagaland	NR	NR	NR
26.	Orissa	Nil	Nil	Nil

1	2	3	4	5
27.	Puducherry	16	40	25
28.	Punjab	119	88	70
29.	Rajasthan	331	317	59
30.	Sikkim	NR	NR	NR
31.	Tamil Nadu	Nil	Nil	Nil
32.	Tripura	Nil	NR	NR
33.	Uttarakhand	Nil	Nil	Nil
34.	Uttar Pradesh	190	934	24
35.	West Bengal	01	01	Nil
	Total	2341	2989	693

*The poisoning may be suicidal/homicidal/accidental/occupational.

NR – Not Reported.

Decline in price of cotton

2284. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has observed that the agriculture market speculators have gained so much in India from boom-and-bust price cycle of global financial markets;

(b) whether it is a fact that the cotton price in 2009 is actually lower than it had been in January, 2007; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No such instance has come to the notice of this Ministry.

(b) and (c) Cotton prices in January, 2009 were higher by around 19% to 37% than what it had been in January, 2007. The details of average cotton prices for major varieties of cotton in January, 2007 *vis-a-vis* month-wise average cotton prices in January, 2009 and onward are as under:—

Prices in Rs. Per candy

	J-34	H-4	S-6	Bunny
1	2	3	4	5
January, 2007	15364	16950	17741	18150
January, 2009	21052	21005	21524	21643
February, 2009	20124	20124	20586	20910